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Dear Harold,

I apologize for the sloppy typing on the card I sent to you. I was rushing to get ahead of the mailman - all one has to do to get it right is run the card through the typewrtier to stretch the card stock and then all works well on the second pass. I think, however, that you were able to wade through it. Being a caregiver for my late brother for 3½ years brought me face-to-face with the classic "doctor problems." You have Johns Hopkins in your area and up in Minnesote we have the Mayo Clinic. Their word is law among the medics in that area. You know how one can spread mayo??

I got suckered into buying an advance, discounted ($30 instead of $35) for a copy of Sneed's SILENT NO MORE. (NO MORE SILENCE). It was proffered as unfettered testimony by 49 witnesses. It turned out to be their experiences during those critical 6 or 8 seconds as saddle-bagged by 30+ years of time. It really gave the authors of each chapter an opportunity to unload what was festering and bothering them all these years. Most vented their wrath against critics, skeptics, researchers, authors and other withesses. The bottom line in most cases was that others profited from the event and they <u>did</u> <u>not</u>!! I "enjoyed" the chapter by Ike Altgens since he proved what I had thought of him: a sincere, intelligent person. I was especially interested in his comments on Lovelady who contacted Ike on his own. Billy refused to be questioned or interviewed even though Ike had a great bargaining chip!! Altgens pointed out that the similarities between Lee and Billy did not exist since Lee was slight and had thinning hair while Billy was stocky and was bald on top!! Now, a camera can fill in for thinning hair but it cannot replace a bald pate!! The famous photo shows a guy <u>with</u> <u>hair</u> standing in the TSBD doorway <u>plus</u> mottled shirt and V-neck T-shirt with top buttons of outer shirt open!!!! Altgens also pointed out that within a year of Dealy, Lovelady was dead from a heart attack (and he was a relatively young man!).

Sneed's book contributes little, in fact, any school kid could have done a before-and-after book. I have wondered for a long time what the officialists were going to come out with for the 35th year as they did with Posner at the 30th!!! Could this be it????? A cop on a bike is hardly an expert on what went on! But, he was there and many researchers and authors were not!!

I do hope this note finds you and Lil doing better. I leave on my trek October 25 and should return by December 1. I first will see my son, his wife and my new grandson (the first) in Tampa. Also will see my little Mexican girl (now 7) in San Antonio.

Best of everything to you both,

Paul H.

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It will be good to see Mary F.